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Patentee: JOHN STELMACH  
Patent No.: 7,014,229  
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Entitled: DOOR STOP AND HOLDER APPARATUS

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL BY ATTORNEY AS FEE ADDRESSEE  
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Carolyn J. Campbell  
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1. I, an attorney signing below, ON BEHALF OF the attorneys of record listed below:

## AT CUSTOMER NO. 00803

respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this patent in accordance with 37 CFR 1.36.

## LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the INVENTOR or assignee of the entire interest is:  
John Stelmach, 740 6<sup>th</sup> St., Prescott, AZ 86301.

## BASIS OF WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR 10.40(c) sections (1)(vi).  
The client has not responded to any correspondence sent regarding the payment of the maintenance fee, nor has any remittance be made for the balance due on the account for the maintenance fee

## ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

4. The term within which the FIRST maintenance fee is due will expire on September 21, 2009  
The maintenance fee can be paid with a surcharge until March 21, 2010.

## NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, are being sent to the client. A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

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Dated: Aug. 10, 2009

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RE: **United States Patent No. 7,014,229 issued March 21, 2006 "Door Stop and Holder Apparatus"**  
*Our File: 2-0221-001*

John:

In accordance with our previous correspondence to you dated February 6, 2009 and April 1, 2009, we have now passed the deadline date for paying the maintenance fee to the United States Patent and Trademark Office without additional government surcharge fees. The fee can still be paid up until September 21, 2009. After September 21, 2009 and up until March 21, 2010, the fee can be paid to the Patent Office with the payment of a surcharge fee, in addition to the current maintenance fee. After March 21, 2010 your patent will be abandoned and all rights thereto will be terminated.

Attached is a copy of our Request to Withdraw regarding this patent. When the Request is approved by the Patent Office, we no longer will be responsible for receiving notices regarding the patent.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Fix

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April 1, 2009

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**RE: United States Patent No. 7,014,229 issued March 21, 2006 "Door Stop and Holder Apparatus"**  
***Our File: 2-0221-001***

John:

On February 6, 2009 we wrote to you regarding a maintenance fee that is required to be paid to the Patent Office with respect to the above patent.

To date we have not received your instructions and check to pay same.

Unless we have your check in our office on or before June 1, 2009 in the amount of \$990, we will withdraw from further representation in this matter.

Please be advised that failure to pay this maintenance fee to the Patent Office will result in abandonment of your patent.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Sturm

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RE     United States Patent No. 7,014,229 issued March 21, 2006 "Door Stop and Holder  
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John:

The Patent Office requires the payment of maintenance fees for all issued utility patents. The fees become due 3½, 7½, and 11½ years after the date of issuance. If the fees are not timely paid, the patent lapses and all of your rights are lost.

Your first maintenance fee is now due in the amount of \$490 (United States Patent and Trademark Office fee.). Our charges for the docketing, maintenance and preparation of all required forms is \$500. This \$500 includes our keeping a current docket on the due dates for your upcoming maintenance fees, reminding you of the due date for payment of same, and follow up.

Please forward your payment to us by March 21, 2009 in the amount of \$990. Upon our receipt of same we will proceed with paying the fee to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

You may receive a letter from a NON-GOVERNMENT entity attempting to mislead you into believing they are an agency of the United States Government, i.e., United States Patent and Trademark Office, and offering their services to you regarding payment of the current maintenance fee due on your patent. We would encourage you to ignore their letter and their request for money. If you have questions regarding receipt of this non-government letter, please call me at once to discuss it further.

We also take this opportunity to remind you to promptly let us know if your status changes from "small" to "large" entity so that we may prepare the necessary forms for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as required. If you have licensed this Patent to a company having more than 500 employees - including all affiliates, we must have this information before payment of your current maintenance fee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Sturm

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- YES, please pay the current maintenance fee. My check for \$990 enclosed.
- YES, please pay this maintenance fee. However, small entity status no longer applies. My check for \$1,480 is enclosed.
- NO, please **DO NOT** pay this maintenance fee. I understand that by not paying the current fee, the patent will lapse and all rights will be lost.

John Stelmach

Date: \_\_\_\_\_